

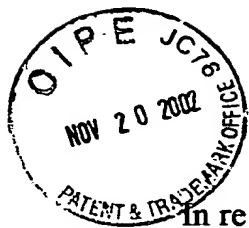
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In re the patent application of Lindenberger et al.

Serial No. 09/786355

Filing date: March 14, 2001

Title: Tube, Use of a Plastic Bag and Process for Producing a Tube

Group Art Unit 1772 -- Examiner Patterson

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend this application by canceling claims 1-9 and adding claims 10-18  
as on the attached sheets.

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**REMARKS**

This is a reply to the office action of August 20, 2002.

The claims have been rewritten to overcome the rejections with respect to 35  
USC § 101 and 112.

With respect to the phrase "along to a strip-shaped side edge section and along  
one strip-shaped end edge section" the applicant respectfully disagrees with the  
examiner. From the recitation of "two strip-shaped side edge sections and along one  
strip-shaped end edge section", it is clear that the different sections of the tube are  
meant; moreover, the tube is defined as comprising one face wall and two side walls.  
We believe that reconsideration of the rejection is appropriate.

Similarly, we submit that the phrase "in the area of the face wall" is not  
indefinite. This phrase has to be read in connection with the term "face wall"  
appearing earlier in the claim. There has to be an area of transition from the strip-  
shaped side edge section to the face wall. The applicant respectfully requests